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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ray LaHood was appointed United States Secretary
3 of Transportation in January of 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming the United States Secretary of
5 Transportation, Ray LaHood served Illinois' 18th Congressional
6 District for 7 terms spanning the years 1995 to 2009, where he
7 served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure
8 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Secretary LaHood is a lifelong Peoria resident; he
10 earned a degree in education and sociology at Bradley
11 University and taught in public and Catholic Schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Secretary LaHood has dedicated his career to
13 improving Peoria and central Illinois; he served as the chief
14 planner for the Rock Island-based Bi-Metropolitan Commission,
15 as an aid to Congressman Tom Railsback and Congressman Robert
16 Michel, and as a member in the Illinois House of Representative
17 from 1982 to 1983; and

18 WHEREAS, During his time serving in congress, Secretary
19 LaHood was a leader in efforts to enhance central Illinois'
20 infrastructure and promote economic development and helped
21 make possible the funding for the construction of Interstate 74

1 between the Murray Baker Bridge and the Sterling Avenue Exit;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Peoria made the decision to name this
4 section of highway after Secretary LaHood; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
7 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, That we designate the section of
8 Interstate 74 between the Murray Baker Bridge and the Sterling
9 Avenue Exit in Peoria as the Ray LaHood Highway in honor of the
10 Secretary's service to the State of Illinois and his essential
11 role in securing funding for the highway; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
13 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
14 State regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Illinois Secretary of Transportation Ann L.
18 Schneider and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.